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Gallatin County Weekly Communicable Disease Report 3/25/09-3/31/09: Reportable : Non- Reportable :

1 Bacterial Meningitis 30 Streptococcus

6 Chlamydia 2 RSV

1 Hepatitis C

1 HIV

1 Campylobacter

2 Salmonella

6 Influenza A

4 Influenza B

Montana Communicable Disease Weekly Update: Summary – Week 11 – Disease reports received at DPHHS March 15-21, 2009 included campylobacteriosis, *E. coli 0157*, giardiasis, salmonellosis, shigellosis, legionellosis, animal rabies, invasive *Streptococcus pneumoniae* infection and varicella. There have been four cases of meningococcal disease in Feb/Mar 2009 – in Gallatin (17 and 19 y/o), Missoula (67 y/o), and Cascade (15 y/o) Counties. No deaths to date. Please remember this is a vaccine preventable disease. Meningococcal conjugate vaccine is recommended for: (1) all children at 11-12 years of age; (2) children 13-18 years of age who have not been previously vaccinated; (3) unvaccinated college freshmen who live in a dormitory; and (5) persons 2-55 years of age at increased risk. Info: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd-vac/mening/

<u>Fifth's Disease (Parvovirus B19)</u> – DPHHS has received reports of clusters of Fifth's disease (parvovirus B19) from central and southwestern Montana. Fifth Disease or Erythema Infectiosum ("slapped cheek" disease) is transmitted via contact with respiratory tract secretions. Since people are no longer infectious after the rash develops, the most important preventive measure is good hand hygiene and cough etiquette.